

# **„ Some thoughts on Open Source“**

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## **Agenda**

1. Why Open Source information?
2. Sequence of events and necessities in connection with the intelligence cycle .
3. Evaluation of Open Source information.
4. Problems and examples.
5. Summary.

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## Why Open Source Information (OSINF)?

- End of „Iron Curtain“ & „Berlin Wall“
- Explosion of Information
- Globalization
- Cost Effectiveness

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## New Threats:

- Regional / International Conflicts
- Terrorism
- Organized Crime
- Migration
- Illegal Dealing Weapons / Drugs
- Environmental Damage
- Vital Ressources Water / Oil

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# Force Protection

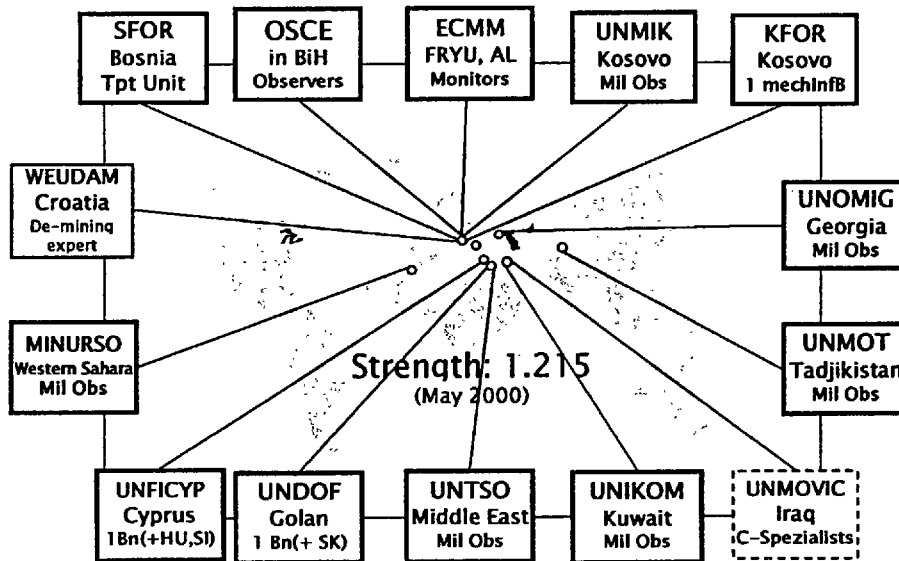
➤ Operations Other Than War

➤ International Operations / PSO

➤ Humanitarian Relief Missions

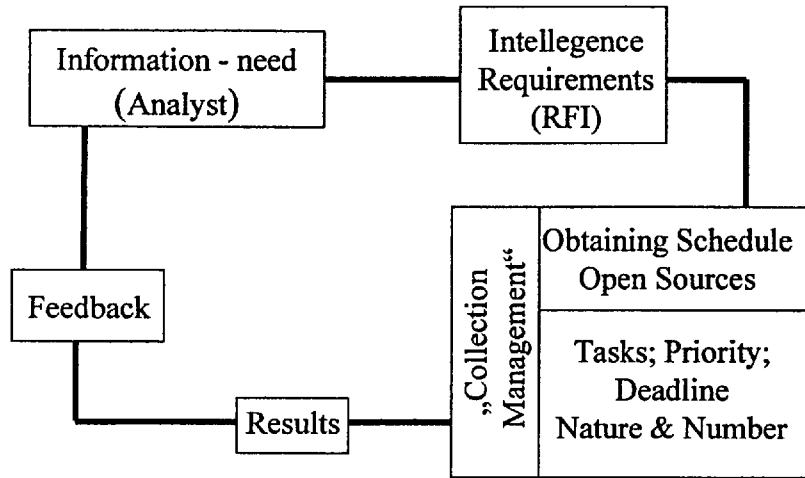
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## Present PSO with MOD Participation



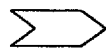
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## Sequence of Events

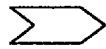


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## Evaluation / OSINT



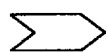
Key To Success



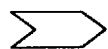
Continuous Adjustment of  
Collecting Information

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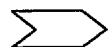
## Problems



Information Overload



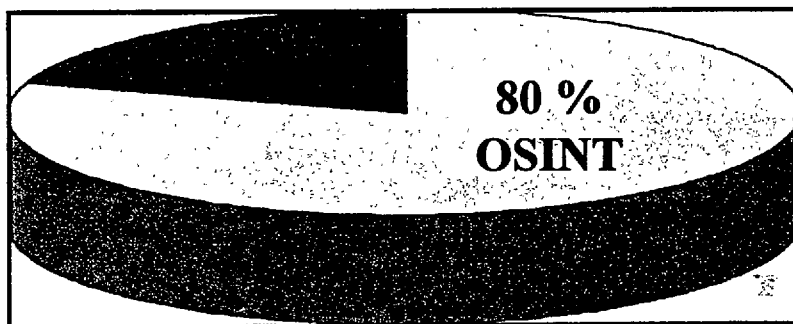
Internet / Hacker



Disinformation

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## OSINT / KOSOVO



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# KOSOVO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FORCE

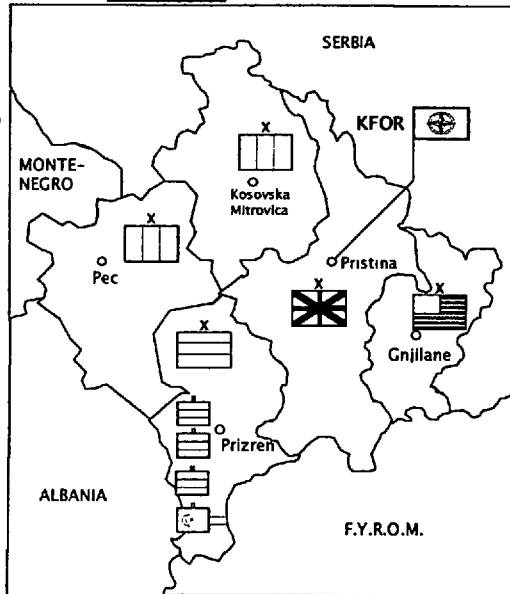
## KFOR

since: 11 June 99  
strength: appr. 45.800

**Austrian Participation**  
Advance Party since 24 June 99  
Deployment completed in  
October 1999:

1 mechInfB  
contributed by AU 495  
SZ 150  
SK 45

**Mission:**  
- demobilization of the KLA  
- provide for a secure environ-  
ment in order to facilitate  
the safe return of all refugees  
and displaced persons



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## To know who knows



- Journalists
- Academics
- Experts
- Travellers

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**Thank you**



**for your attention!**

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